

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 22, 2004 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested. The claims presented for examination are: claims 1 and 3-35. Claim was cancelled in a previous amendment. The Office Action mailed September 22, 2004 is a Final Rejection.

Allowed Claims

Claims 28, 29, and 33-35 were allowed. This was stated in numbered paragraph 26 of the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004.

Claims "Objected To"

Claims 13, 14, 25, 26, 31, and 32 were "objected to," but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This was stated in numbered paragraph 26 of the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004. Claims 13, 14, 25, 26, 31, and 32 have been amended to appear in rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Rejected Claims

All rejected claims have been cancelled.

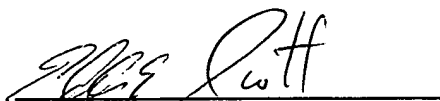
SUMMARY

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing remarks, the issues raised in the Office Action dated September 22, 2004 have been fully addressed and overcome.

37 CFR 1.116 provides "After final action or other final action, amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous office action." This amendment strictly cancels claims and complies with requirements of form. Since all the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004 have been fully addressed and met. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, that the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

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